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SHIPPING AND DISPLAYING)
PALLETIZED STACKABLE RETAIL)
PRODUCTS)

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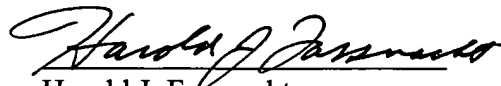
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Japanese Patent No. JP10167253 discloses a display system for packaged products, the system comprising stackable trays 2A and corner posts ("columns") 20 (Fig. 6) that fit within channels 12 integrally formed at the four corners of each tray. The trays can be stacked as shown in Figure 6. Toshiyuki does not disclose openings in the trays for accommodating the bottom of product containers, or corner posts that can be inserted through openings in the trays to lock multiple trays together.

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Respectfully submitted,

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		JP 10167253	06-23-1998	Toshiyuki	Figure 6	

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